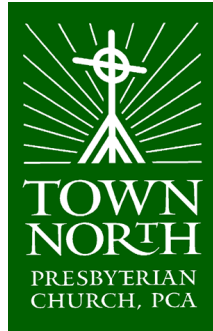


*Town North is a community of disciples
making disciples of Jesus.*



The Week's Order of
WORSHIP
for
THE LORD'S DAY

January 8, 2023 10:30 A.M.

REFLECTION

“Nothing makes the anxieties of warfare sit so lightly on a man as the assurance of Christ’s love and continual protection. Nothing enables him to bear the fatigue of watching, struggling and wrestling against sin, like the indwelling confidence that Christ is on his side and success is sure.”

-J. C. Ryle, *Holiness*, Durham, England: Evangelical Press, 1993, p. 57.

PRELUDE

Rob Anderson & Lynna Harbison

ACTIVITIES & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Andrew Cies, Pastor

(Please sign, pass & return the black attendance pad at the end of the aisle)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 147:1, 3, 5-7

LEADER: Praise the LORD!

PEOPLE: **For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.**

LEADER: He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

PEOPLE: **Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.**

(Continued...)

LEADER: The LORD lifts up the humble;
he casts the wicked to the ground.

PEOPLE: **Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre!**

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 53 (vv 1-5)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
if with his love he befriend thee.
- 4 Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,
spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!
- 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen, sound from his people again;
gladly fore'er we adore him.

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

1 Peter 5:5c-6

LEADER: "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."
Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the
proper time he may exalt you, ...

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**ALL: O Lord, we confess that we have an impulse
to go our own way rather than your way.
We confess that we are often filled with anxiety
instead of trusting your capable hands.
Lead us to find comfort from knowing you care for us.
Let our hope be in you
from this time forth and forevermore. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

*In these moments, we individually come to God in prayer, silently
confessing personal sins so that we may take hold of the forgiveness
won for us by Christ, our Redeemer.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PEACE WITH GOD

1 Peter 2:21-24

LEADER: For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

* SONG OF RESPONSE

Ensemble & Congregation

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

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| 1 Come behold the wondrous myst'ry,
in the dawning of the King.
He, the theme of heaven's praises,
robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness,
now the light of life has come!
Look to Christ, who condescended,
took on flesh to ransom us. | 3 Come behold the wondrous myst'ry:
Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners
hangs the Lamb in victory!
See the price of our redemption,
see the Father's plan unfold,
bringing many sons to glory:
grace unmeasured, love untold! |
| 2 Come behold the wondrous myst'ry:
he the perfect Son of Man,
in his living, in his suffering,
never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam,
come to save the hell-bound man,
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
of the law; in him we stand. | 4 Come behold the wondrous myst'ry:
slain by death, the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain him;
praise the Lord, he is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv'rance,
how unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected,
as we will be when he comes. |

* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn 460 (vv 1-6)

Amazing Grace!

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| 1 Amazing grace!— how sweet the sound—
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see. | 4 The Lord has promised good to me,
his Word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures. |
| 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed! | 5 And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
a life of joy and peace. |
| 3 Thro' many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home. | 6 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we've first begun. |

* SCRIPTURE READING

David Rogers, Pastor

1 Peter 5:6-14

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷ casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

¹² By Silvanus, a faithful brother as I regard him, I have written briefly to you, exhorting and declaring that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it. ¹³ She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings, and so does Mark, my son. ¹⁴ Greet one another with the kiss of love.

Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

David Rogers, Pastor

“Through Many Dangers, Toils, and Snares His Grace will Lead Us Home”

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Grape juice is in the purple cups in the center of the tray. Wine is in the clear cups around the outside of the tray. The matzo bread is gluten free.

Please hold the elements until everyone is served. Used cups may be placed in the baskets in the narthex after the service.

* RESPONDING IN SONG

Ensemble & Congregation

In Christ Alone

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| <p>1 In Christ alone my hope is found;
he is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—
here in the love of Christ I stand.</p> <p>2 In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied;
for ev'ry sin on him was laid—
here in the death of Christ I live.</p> | <p>3 There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am his and he is mine—
bought with the precious blood of Christ.</p> <p>4 No guilt in life, no fear in death—
this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home—
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.</p> |
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* BENEDICTION

1 Peter 5:10-11

PASTOR: And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Lynna Harbison

ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY	Prayer for Worship— <i>CE Rm 201</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Worship— <i>Worship Center</i>	10:30 a.m.
TUESDAY	Session Meeting	6:00 p.m.
	Deacon Meeting	6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Prayer— <i>Admin Rm 103</i>	7:00 p.m.

Church activity calendar is available online at www.tnpc.org/events

LIVESTREAM AUDIO ACCESS

1. Go to www.tnpc.org
2. Click on the box that says: “Livestream Audio”.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY — Join us Tuesdays at 9:30am or 6:30pm, beginning January 17, as we spend the rest of the year studying the book of Isaiah. Newcomers, please contact Bonlee at Bonlee_Rawley@hotmail.com for information. Zoom video is available in the morning session.

TNPC ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING — Mark your calendars for our annual meeting and officer election to be held Wednesday, January 18 at 6:30pm.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY — Thursdays beginning January 19 at 7:00pm in Admin Rm 103. We will study Matthew. Contact Pastor Cies at andrew.cies@tnpc.org for more information.

INQUIRER’S CLASS — If you would like to learn more about Town North or becoming a member, join our Inquirer’s Class on January 22 during the Sunday school hour in the Christian Ed Bldg, Room 200-201. Contact Pastor Rogers for more information at david.rogers@tnpc.org.

VISITOR LUNCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — We need 4 additional volunteers to help serve during our February 5 visitor lunch. Please contact DeAnne Schlimme at dschlimme64@gmail.com if you are able to help.

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP 2023 — Sign up sheet for Flowers for Sunday Worship in 2023 is now available in the narthex. Minimum price is \$72. For more information, contact Judy Dawson at 214-384-9729.

Fiscal Year 2023

Totals through January 1, 2023

(Our fiscal year starts July 1 and ends June 30)

General Fund Income	\$ 505,539
Designated Giving	\$ 104,852
Total Expenses	\$ 821,765
Net Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ (211,374)

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